

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A communication apparatus comprising:  
reception means for receiving images generated from a plurality of communication terminals;  
output means for outputting the images received by said reception means in order to display the images on a display unit as multiple images; and  
notification means for grasping and notifying a state of reception of the images by said reception means.

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2. A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the state of reception is information relating to a frame rate of an image being received by said reception means.

3. A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said notification means changes the display unit in accordance with the state of reception by said reception means.

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4. A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said notification means changes information displayed on the display unit in accordance with a frame rate of an image received by said reception means.

5. A communication apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the change in information displayed on the display unit is a change in a state of display of an icon indicating a corresponding one of the plurality of communication terminals.

6. A communication apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said notification means does not perform notification when the frame rate is high, and performs notification when the frame rate is reduced.

7. A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said notification means comprises one of flashing of an icon, display of character information, and display of numerals.

Sub A14 > 8. A communication method comprising the steps of:  
receiving images generated from a plurality of communication terminals;  
outputting the received images in order to display the images on a display unit as multiple images; and  
grasping and notifying a state of reception of the received images.

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9. A communication method according to Claim 8, wherein the state of reception is information relating to a frame rate of an image being received.

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10. A communication method according to Claim 8, wherein the notification changes the display unit in accordance with the state of reception.

11. A communication method according to Claim 8, wherein the notification changes information displayed on the display unit in accordance with a frame rate of a received image.

12. A communication method according to Claim 10, wherein the change in information displayed on the display unit is a change in a state of display of an icon indicating a corresponding one of the plurality of communication terminals.

13. A communication method according to Claim 11, wherein the notification is not performed when the frame rate is high, and is performed when the frame rate is reduced.

14. A communication method according to Claim 8,

wherein the notification comprises one of flashing of an icon, display of character information, and display of numerals.

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15. A communication apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a part or all of images generated from image generation units of a plurality of corresponding communication terminals by switching the images;

output means for outputting the images received by said reception means in order to display the images on a display unit as multiple images;

assigning means for assigning an arbitrary image from among the multiple images;

control means for controlling a state of outputting the image assigned by said assigning means; and

notification means for grasping and notifying a state of reception of the image by said control means.

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16. A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the state of reception is information relating to a frame rate of an image being received by said reception means.

17. A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said notification means changes the display unit in

accordance with the state of reception by said reception means.

18. A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said notification means changes information displayed on the display unit in accordance with a frame rate of an image received by said reception means.

19. A communication apparatus according to Claim 17, wherein the change in information displayed on the display unit is a change in a state of display of an icon indicating a corresponding one of the plurality of communication terminals.

20. A communication apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein said notification means does not perform notification when the frame rate is high, and performs notification when the frame rate is reduced.

21. A communication apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said notification means comprises one of flashing of an icon, display of character information, and display of numerals.

22. A communication method comprising the steps of:

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receiving a part or all of images generated from image generation units of a plurality of corresponding communication terminals by switching the images;

outputting the received images in order to display the images on a display unit as multiple images;

assigning an arbitrary image from among the multiple images;

controlling a state of outputting the assigned image;  
and

grasping and notifying a state of reception of the assigned image.

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23. A communication method according to Claim 22, wherein the state of reception is information relating to a frame rate of an image being received.

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24. A communication method according to Claim 22, wherein the notification changes the display unit in accordance with the state of reception.

25. A communication method according to Claim 22, wherein the notification changes information displayed on the display unit in accordance with a frame rate of a received image.

26. A communication method according to Claim 24, wherein the change in information displayed on the display unit is a change in a state of display of an icon indicating a corresponding one of the plurality of communication terminals.

27. A communication method according to Claim 25, wherein the notification is not performed when the frame rate is high, and is performed when the frame rate is reduced.

28. A communication method according to Claim 22, wherein the notification comprises one of flashing of an icon, display of character information, and display of numerals.

Sub A 19 29. A storage medium storing a program, said program comprising:

a reception process code of receiving images generated from a plurality of communication terminals;

an output process code of outputting the received images in order to display the images on a display unit as multiple images; and

a notification process code of grasping and notifying a state of reception of the received images.

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30. A storage medium storing a program, said program comprising:

a reception process code of receiving a part or all of images generated from image generation units of a plurality of corresponding communication terminals by switching the images;

an output process code of outputting the received images in order to display the images on a display unit as multiple images;

an assigning process code of assigning an arbitrary image from among the multiple images;

a control process code of controlling a state of outputting the assigned image; and

a notification process code of grasping and notifying a state of reception of the assigned image.

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